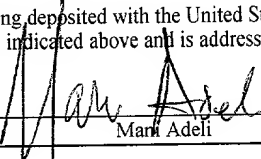


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000. **Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-64 be canceled (pursuant to the amendment below) before calculation of the filing fee.**

**IN THE TITLE**

Please replace the current title, "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," with "Method and Apparatus for Using a Diagonal Line to Measure Congestion in a Region of an Integrated-Circuit Layout."

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 1, please insert--

**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000, and having the Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-64.

**REMARKS**

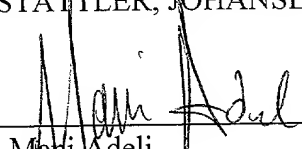
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this application, inserted a reference to the related parent application, and canceled claims 1-64. Accordingly, claims 65-87 are currently pending in this application.

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